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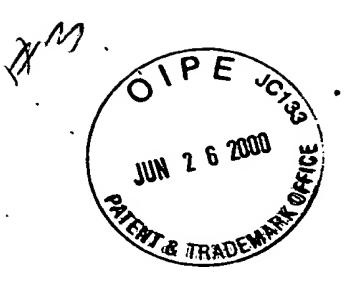


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| Title: MULTIPLE WIRE CORD AND MULTIPLE SEGMENT HEATING ELEMENT | | | | | | | |
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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "MULTIPLE WIRE CORD AND MULTIPLE SEGMENT HEATING ELEMENT FOR FOOTWEAR/OUTERWEAR HEATER" (Attorney Docket No. 63870-9001), the specification of which was filed with my authority on February 4, 2000, as Application Serial No. 09/498,412.

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